October General Body Meeting
"All Graduate Students are Members Automatically"

Friday October 21st, 2016 @ 3pm
Location: Bernhard Center -Room 105-107
Late Lunch served at 2:45 pm

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL - Parliamentarian – George Lluberes

II. PROCEDURAL ITEMS
   a. Approved Previous Minutes.
      -Action Taken: previous minute approved.
   b. Approve Current Agenda - George Lluberes
      -No objection or correction to agenda.
      -No debate.
      -Action Taken: agenda approved.

III. ICE BREAKER ACTIVITY - Director Events and Planning - Christina Collins.
    - Ms. Christina Collins introduced an activity that consisted of forming groups to discuss different topics as gender, diversity (racism), research, and athletics expenditures in the context of WMU. Each group chooses a person who briefly expresses their opinions.
    - Raffle held for prizes.

IV. Open Leadership Position – Vic-President – Amaury Pineda.
    - Mr. Pineda informed details about the dateline and requirements to apply for the opening position of Director of Outreach in the GSA E-Board.

V. 3MT Information – Director of Professional Development – Thi Tran
    - Mr. Thi Tran explained what the thesis competition at Grad Talks event is. He also informed place, time, and prices. (Berhand Center on October 28th from 12-2 p.m.).
VI. Hilltop Review Presentation – Zahra Ameli
   - Mrs. Zahra Ameli presented the history of the Hilltop Review; also, she explained the ongoing to publish the next Hilltop edition. Visit us for more details: https://wmich.edu/gsa/hilltopreview

VII. Open Floor - Graduate Student Concerns
   - A question about available grants for data collection.
   - Hiring a professor for Geology.
   - Future of the Department of Geology.
   - In the career fair a representation of geology has been ignore.

VIII. Graduate Dean Update - Dr. Susan Stapleton
   - Dr. Susan Stapleton, welcome graduate students for this incoming year, and thank for participating in this meeting.
   - She provided answers to graduate students concerns presented in the previous September General Meeting:
     - Student Seibert Hall problem during summer with parking space. Problem solved, not an issue anymore.
     - University housing contracts of one year. Conversations will continue to solve this concern.
     - Legacy Program (Scholarships). Conversations to solve why graduate students were successful, their board agree to include graduate students. There is still a need to set criteria.
   - She promoted the Graduate Fair, and spoke about the homecoming games.
   - She responded to graduate students’ discussions hold at the beginning of this GSA General Meeting in relation to:
     - Diversity: She expressed her concern about how the University does better to be more inclusive.
     - Athletics is expensive; she encouraged inviting a person to discuss the hiring process.

IX. AOB
   a. President- Damon Chambers
      - GSA President position will be open in November 4th for next year. Visit us for more details: https://wmich.edu/gsa/hilltopreview
   b. Upcoming events – Christina Collins
      - Ms. Christina Collins announced that there are tickets available to see Rent on November 11th, and 12th, 2016 at Miller.

X. Adjournment (4:20).